

GOD'S PROMISE

Joel 2:23, 28

Zech. 10:1

Psa. 104:16a

John 14:16

John 15:26

John 16:13

John 7:38

Luke 24:49

Acts 1:8

Acts 2:4

Acts 8:17

Acts 10:44-46

Acts 19:6

James 5:7

Ezek. 47:1

Zech. 14:8

Rev. 22:1

GOD'S COMMAND

Luke 24:49

Eph. 5:18

*"... Upon this
rock I will build
my church; and
the gates of hell
shall not prevail
against it." Matt.
16:18*



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Notices REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

We, Frances Allmon and Velma Goings, are open for revivals. Write us.—Velma Goings, 1212 N. Davidson St., Charlotte 2, N. C.

The Washington, N. C., camp meeting will convene September 18-23. Convenient and comfortable camps on the ground and meals served reasonably.—Mrs. T. L. Little, clerk.

Change of Address

Rev. J. A. Lewis—Old address: Rt. 3, Warren, Ohio. New address: 905 East Crenshaw, Tampa, Fla.

Anyone having boys or relatives at O'Reilly Veterans Hospital here in Springfield, Mo., who belong to the Church of God, please notify me and I will look them up.—Mrs. Mabel Maddeford, 2713 Mt. Vernon St., Springfield, Mo.

GEORGIA MINISTERS' MEETING

The Georgia ministers' meeting will convene at the Hemphill Avenue church, Atlanta, Georgia, September 25, 2:00 p. m., through the 26th.—A. V. Beabe, state overseer.

NORTH FLORIDA CAMP MEETING Will Convene at Lake City Tabernacle, September 24-30

The opening service will be Monday, September 24, at 8:00 p. m. The closing service will be Sunday night, September 30.

State ministers' meeting will be Thursday and Friday, September 27, 28. It is hoped that all ministers will attend the full week of camp meeting, as well as the ministers' meeting. — W. E. Johnson, overseer of Florida.

Deaths

ROBINSON

Sister Jaunit Esther Robinson, wife of our pastor, D. G. Robinson, went to (Continued on page 11)

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The Lord to completely heal my eyes, they are better but still weak and still give me trouble; urgent request. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Alma Cummings, Rt. 1, Shaw, Miss.

God to heal my finger of a joint felon and give me full salvation. Encouragement appreciated.—Daisy B. Lovern, Poplar Hill, Va.

My son who needs healing for soul and body, he has heart trouble and is in Germany; my sons' return; my body to be healed.—Mrs. S. Gilbert, Lebanon, Pa.

God to undertake for my husband and me, he is expecting to be sent to

the Pacific but my health is not good and I need him at home.—Mrs. Bethel Duck, Hartwell, Ga.

The healing of my body; I fell and hurt myself and was already weak and rundown; urgent request.—Mrs. Vada Land, 668 Griffin St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga.

The healing of Mrs. Will Lastinger, Rt. 1, Lithia, Fla. She will appreciate encouragement.—Mrs. Julia Ingham Jones, Rt. 1, Box 31-B, Lithia, Fla.

God to make me strong in body.—Mrs. C. R. Stone, East Gastonia, N. C.

The Lord to completely heal my body.—Naomi Franklin, Rt. 5, Tifton, Ga.

God to undertake for a special request.—Sister B. J. Hillhouse, Concord, N. C.

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The Bishops' Council and Assembly

It was a strange gathering, due to the absence of so many people who generally attend. However, as ODT had limited travel restrictions, under such circumstances there was little that could be done about it; therefore, the officials who had the responsibility of either having the councils or not having them, decided to go ahead, even under unusual surroundings and conditions, to have the much needed Bishops' Council. It is safer to obey those "in authority" than it is to ignore constituted government. Christians should be loyal to their governments if there is any reasonable justification for the government's viewpoint.

SMALL BUT REAL

The Bishops' Council was a thing, as for the most part, of ordinary size and nature. Perhaps some of the bishops were not there that would have been if travel limitations had not hindered. The evangelists, however, were strangely absent, and the laity simply weren't there, except a mere token from Sevierville or nearby places. Nevertheless, restrained, hindered, and shunted aside, there were probably as many as seven hundred on hand for the two-day Assembly. The realness of these meetings was in no sense less than at other times. God was there in all our deliberations and planning, as the light and life of His people. Changes may occur as to place and manner of gatherings, but as for God, He has promised to be present with His people even to the extent of two or three, if they are gathered together in His name. The presence and power of the Spirit of God was our strength as formerly.

A GOOD YEAR

The past year was a great year for the Church of God. The membership was increased over 11,000 at home and in the foreign fields together. This was the best gain we have reported for many years, and probably the greatest we have ever had. This was a very favorable increase, to say the least of it, as travel and other hindrances served to retard the activities of the ministry in many ways.

PROPERTY INCREASE

The increase in property valuation

E. C. CLARK, Managing Editor

was most outstanding, despite curtailment of building; many churches had either purchased or erected buildings. "Where there is a will, there is a way" seemed to have prevailed loudly for the entire year. Part of this increase of value of properties held by the Church, was no doubt reflected not only in new buildings and purchases, but also in higher appraisals due to increased building costs. There was an increase of property value at the school at Sevierville alone, to the extent of around \$200,000. The total of increases for the year reached over \$2,000,000. These holdings tell us that we are taking root in the form of permanency, and indicate a healthy spirit of progress within the Church.

FIXING THE BLAME

As usual, many things were discussed which, in their nature, might either hinder or hopefully forward the work of the Church. Over the years the ring question has had much attention, and while an interpretation was in process relative to this question, those beautiful tie clasps, watch chains, and wrist watches worn by men came in for a share of the discussion. This was not a novel thing either, as in an endeavor to identify our separation unto Christ men are invited to avoid needless adornment also. There was one event, however, that was, as far as I know, novel in every respect. It was simply this. One brother said he would pull off his gold chain and give it for missions; others followed suit, until there were, I was told, over one hundred fifty beautiful gold chains laid on the table as an offering unto missions and as an evidence that those ministers who did so felt that they needed more consecration at this point.

STRANGE COINCIDENT

It was the Lord who told us that if "two of you agree as touching anything in my name, it shall be done for you." It would seem that while these men talked of the way the women should dress that their own spirits burned within themselves to the extent that it was easy for them to lead the way in stripping themselves of needless adornment as ensamples that

others may find it easier to follow their steps and teachings. These men became in agreement with what they insisted women should do. A godly and goodly example this! The minister stands in front and will be able to get his people to do only what he is himself willing to do.

NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS

Due to crowded conditions of offices here at Headquarters, the Assembly ordered that a unit of office construction sufficient to afford housing of various departments be undertaken at once. This will involve the erection of a new office building for the General Overseer's offices, the General Secretary and Treasurer's offices and equipment, the Orphanage Superintendent's offices, and also the Mission Department. These departments, to provide for them amply, must have some twelve to sixteen added office rooms and a new council room. The Assembly also gave orders that an additional pressroom be erected to house the present equipment, along with other much-needed machinery of various types incident to taking care of the constantly increasing needs of our publications. This improvement will allow that the present pressroom be used mostly for finished stocks and for a shipping department.

DIFFICULTIES

Any expansion at this time will meet with some difficulties, at least for a while until materials become more plentiful. The labor shortage also still exists but the urgencies here do not permit us to stand still and wait on all these things to clear up before starting these much-needed improvements. By the time plans are drawn and bids are obtained, most materials will become more plentiful, so that with reasonable speed such construction can be made without too much hindrance.

PRAYER SOLICITED

While the world wags on and the Church moves on, there is ever an opportunity for prayer, and not only opportunity but actual need that our prayers be both fervent and regular. There can be no outstanding advancement (Continued on page 14)

RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Britain To Release 1,500 Theological Students

A report to the effect that Britain plans to release 1,500 students in view of the critical clergy shortage, has been received by RNS.

Russia and India

According to *Midnight Cry*, Mrs. Vijaya Lakshei Pandit, leader of the Indian Nationalist Party, in her address at a meeting in Chicago held under the auspices of the local Civil Liberties Committee, "expressed bitter disappointment" over the Conference in San Francisco. She charged the big powers with being motivated by selfish interest only, and stated that unless equality, freedom, and justice were guaranteed to all, their planning is futile, and international security a thing impossible. The millions of India, Burma, Malaya, and Indo-China, she said, "demand at least big steps toward independence." But she despaired with the warning, "It does not appear they will get much, if anything. The seeds of war within a few years will certainly be there."

When asked what resources there were for war in the Asiatic countries, and possibilities for developing them within a few years, Mrs. Pandit gave a negative answer, but added, "They may find a backer. You have been asking about Russia and Communism. Wouldn't it occur that *Russia might* within a few years develop those vast resources and become a backer?"

After the War

The review of disaster caused by armed military might will have a tendency to cause more dread and fear of what another world war may bring; therefore, the policy of anti-christian political gangsters, who desire world dominance, will be intensified by undercover drives and group moves of all kinds, to provide anchorage and strength. Between World War 2 and World War 3 we will have an unusual workout of deception such as the world has never known. Watch Europe and no less watch America. The die is cast, Satan has purposed to grapple with God through atheistic

individuals and nations; finally anti-christ will come in peaceably and offer false peace and prosperous "craft" jobs and industry to bring about the "utopian state" godless world rulers have promised to those who will stand against God. Christ will accept this challenge by coming in mid air for His bride, 1 Thess. 4:17; after which He will return to set up the kingdom of heaven. Rev. 19:7-20. The glory, power, and honor all belong unto God.

Atheism in Italy

A report from Rome by RNS states that, "Increasing atheistic propaganda is reported in Italy following the organization of the so-called National Committee of Atheists. The committee has started a campaign against 'the monarchy, capitalism, and God,' but so far without much success. Italy now has a communist premier.

Religion in Spain

MADRID (By Wireless to RNS)—The Spanish Cortes (Parliament) has approved a charter proclaiming Roman Catholicism as the state religion, permitting non-Catholics to exercise their religion privately, but prohibiting all "external manifestations."

According to the charter, "no one will be molested for his religious beliefs and the private practice thereof," but "no other ceremonies or external manifestations will be allowed except those of the Catholic religion."

This means that Protestants or members of other faiths will be forbidden to meet publicly to worship and will be fined or arrested if they do so.

The Russian Picture

The Protestant Voice points out that, "When those who have visited or even lived in Russia fail to understand her, is it any wonder that thoughtful Americans who lack that experience are bewildered? The Soviet Union contributes to misunderstanding of her problems or even distrust when she bars U.S. representatives from observing and reporting independently conditions in Russia as they see them. Visitations there, even

after V-E Day are carefully chaperoned or else prohibited altogether.

Jewish Refugees in Palestine

The 12,000 Jews who have escaped to Palestine during the last year, from the war-torn countries of Europe, are in appalling condition, disease ridden from undernourishment, and suffering from mental tortures. Dr. Hayyim Yassky, director of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem, revealed this upon his arrival in this country.

Mercilessness

The Associated Press reported that the Soviet Embassy at Washington, D. C., advocated "absolute mercilessness" in dealing with "Fascists." An article by Vladimir Komorov, president of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., declared that "true humanism" today consists in "absolute mercilessness." Not only is this true before Russia entered war against Japan, but in that war so far the Red soldiers have been commanded to fight the Japs "mercilessly." This is a new term in war; it is the language of antichrist.

Nationalize Churches

A report by RNS states that Yugoslavia Government plans to "nationalize church property." Yugoslavia is under Marshall Tito the communist. What does "nationalize" mean for the churches of Yugoslavia country? It may not be peaceful foreboding.

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All Things Edify Not

JENNIE R. ELY

Eph. 2:4 says, "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us."

Many of us have ample proof of this great love in our lives and feel that when we came up from conversion to sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost we were qualified to speak of His Holy Word and tell of His wonderful blessings. Across the street from my sister's home where we two were caring for our helpless mother, was a girl who got in the habit of coming over to me and telling me little things that worried her. She was just a child, seventeen years old, with a wonderful baby boy, three years old, and a husband, who was in some of Ohio's penal institutions more years than he was out. At the time she was coming over to unburden herself, he was a psychotherapy subject in the Ohio Penitentiary. He stole things so long that even the State grew tired working with him.

It happened that someone told this little girl that I was a "holy roller." She began coming over to me and laid her burdens at the feet of someone who might listen without criticism. I prayed, "Father, let me listen and then say the right words, or nothing at all, to guide her." We sat and talked until two in the morning. She told me of how, when a small girl, she had been saved out in the hills of Tuscarawas County, how she had been brought up in the church and when they had moved to town how she had thought she would go to the same church in the city. She thought she would take the same interest as she had in the little church out in the country hills. Well, to begin with they had moved into the wrong part of town. The neighbors cursed, swore, and no one asked her to church. Oh, how she missed the church! How she cried when she heard the church bells! When she went to a church of the same name as the one to which she had belonged to in the country the people were hard looking and no friendliness was shown. After two or three years she gave up and quit trying. Yes, some may say, "She should not have expected friendliness in a strange church of that size." What-

ever the size it dwindles to nothing when our Jesus enters. This little country girl's family believed that the more church, the more of our blessed Savior, but found that the Jesus she knew was not in the church whose spire could be seen all over our county seat; but He was in the small country church. This little mother across the street is old for her age. She smokes, drinks some, and swears in the presence of her baby son. She came across the street to see if the "holy roller" woman knew the Lord whom she missed so much. God is still calling to her, for she is so hungry to hear His Word from someone who loves Him, too. Oh, thank God, that I was able to say something to rest her mind and restore her confidence and faith in the men and women in whom she expected to find Jesus. When they gave her coldness, and though they belonged to the big church, they knew nothing about her Savior and they pretended to be Christians. I tried to tell her how Jesus loved her still, and how He was talking to her and showing her the way out by sending her to someone who also loved the Lord. And oh, how I prayed to Him to please let me say the right thing in the right place to make her see that Jesus loved her still, that He would forgive her seventy times seven times if she would just believe Him and put her life in His care again. I tried to make amends for the big church. I told her how God's heart must have been troubled, when she, a young and holy child, had tried to share her gift with them and they would have none of it, because she was just a little girl whom they did not know.

Oh, why can't we make people see Jesus for what He really is, and many times they are entertaining Jesus unawares. But as in the days of old, the humble Jesus is not the one they want until it is too late. I told her of our church and some of its doctrines and tried to make her understand that Jesus and Him crucified was our aim. We loved Him for the peace He put in our hearts. I offered to take her next Sunday morning where she would hear the Word she was so hungry to hear. I had prayed God to

help me carry the burden of this little mother. My nephew, who was at camp nearly three years, "blew his top" (expression for nervous breakdown). Auntie was the recipient of the inside story (not pleasant one). I prayed God for the right words to use to get the right results. Down the street was a mother of sixteen children, who was brought from the hospital too soon because of crowded conditions at the hospital. She needed physical and spiritual help. I received a telegram, saying, "Son brought from India because of despondency." That being the case, the boy will soon be home. The daily life of any Christian is full of trials and many times we feel we have come to the end of our strength. Wouldn't I be glad when I could get in church Sunday morning where I could pray it all out at the feet of my dear Savior; in church where God would pour out His blessings until we could feel that power go surging through every fiber of our beings; the church where God was real; where He purged the dross from the real metal of the passed week that burdened us so! Oh, how we felt the need of Jesus.

Well, in Sunday School someone asked a question about the Bible School and someone answered it. The teacher took exceptions and was utterly overwhelmed by the lack of interest in the class, and said some very unreasonable things about the class in general. The preacher gave a sermon intended for sinners alone and there was not one sinner in the house at the time. By the time the meeting was over and we went home we felt very much what Eve must have felt in the presence of God, naked. The dross of the week before still there and we afraid to call on God. Oh, where was the love we thought we had for our Savior. Methinks if Jesus had been talking and someone tried to explain a certain rule Jesus would have shown His love and been interested. This man had a more important message to deliver than Jesus' message. Jesus would only have taught love. He spoke only to the sinner of His own love and of the mansions above prepared by Him for the sinner who repents. The preacher had a grievance of his own. No wonder people don't want God. When that kind of religion is forced through the open windows and doors of churches to the non-church members sitting in

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Fortieth Annual General Assembly Now History

JOHN C. JERNIGAN, General Overseer

Because of the congested travelling conditions of the country, our General Assembly was very much limited. The bishops met in Sevierville, Tenn., August 29 through September 1, and the General Assembly convened the second and third. The large school auditorium was adequate for the meeting. The many dormitory rooms were used by the bishops, and the large, well-equipped, modernized cafeteria proved a great blessing in feeding this delegation.

The Council discussed many important subjects and, I feel, passed some measures which will be of untold value to the progress of the Church of God. One of the most encouraging features of the General Assembly was the statistical report. We gained, in the twelve months, 173 new churches. We now have 2,728 local churches; 1,765 are white churches in the United States and Canada. We also have 130 colored churches and 833 churches in the foreign countries. Our membership in the United States is 69,642 white and 2,465 colored, 29,345 in foreign countries, making a total membership of 101,442. We have a net gain over last year of 11,364, which is indeed a very fine gain in membership. The number of bishops last year was 858 and the number of bishops for this year is 937. This gives us a gain of 79 bishops. Last year we had 2,105 ministers holding evangelist's license. This year we have 2,293, giving us a gain over last year of 188, or a total net gain of ministers this year of 287. This is indeed an outstanding increase for the Church of God in twelve months. We appreciate so much the blessings of the Lord upon His Church.

One of the most outstanding gains this year was our increase of Church property value. In twelve months we increased our Church property value \$2,223,515.52. Only a few years ago we counted our property value by the tens of thousands and then hundreds of thousands, but today the Church of God owns \$7,767,519.55 worth of property in the United States and \$608,996.50 worth of property in foreign countries. This makes a grand total of \$8,376,416.05.

Last year was indeed a great evangelistic year throughout the Church

of God and the gospel was preached in many new fields. We are looking forward to another year of success. We believe that our ministers left the General Assembly in good unity and encouraged to go back to their fields of labor more determined to raise high the standards of the gospel than ever before.

Following we give the recommendations adopted by the General Assembly and the appointment of boards, committees and state overseers who will serve the Church during this Assembly year:

Resolutions Adopted by the Fortieth General Assembly

That we rescind our action relative to the districting of the United States and the creation of the office of an Assistant General Overseer of each district.

That one Assistant General Overseer be elected and that he, together with the General Overseer and General Secretary-Treasurer, constitute the Appointing Board.

That all rules, regulations and authority, as recorded in the 1943 Assembly Minutes concerning the Appointing Board, be vested in the aforesaid board.

That the duties and authority of the Assistant General Overseer be the same as recorded in the 1943 Assembly Minutes; and that all reference to Assistant General Overseers, Executive Committee, and Appointing Board, in the 1944 Assembly Minutes be revised to conform to the foregoing recommendation.

That the election of all general officials go back to the same as we had in 1943, and that each general official be elected annually.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS:

General Overseer, J. C. Jernigan.
Assistant General Overseer, H. L. Chesser.

General Secretary-Treasurer, E. J. Boehmer.

Managing Editor, E. C. Clark.
Council of Twelve: R. P. Johnson,

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That a Youth Program Committee of five be appointed by the State Overseer Appointing Board to serve the needs of our young people as they relate to education, properly supervised recreation, and spirituality.

The duties of the chairman shall be:

1. To serve as National Y.P.E. Secretary.

2. To arrange, in cooperation with the committee, for a National Youth Congress.

3. To assemble the information gathered by the members of the Youth Program Committee, and to send this information to the youth leaders of the various states.

That the General Overseer appoint a committee of action, consisting of five members, whose duties shall be:

1. To select a site and direct the construction of the first unit of a General Administration Office Building for the Church of God.

2. To secure the services of a licensed architect to draw plans and specifications for a building, the first unit of which will meet with our present needs, and will PROVIDE FOR FURTHER plans to commensurate with future needs of additional office facilities.

3. That said committee be vested with authority to award the contract to a reputable bonded builder, after plans and costs have been approved by not less than three-fourths of the Council of Twelve and Associate Councillors.

4. That the Council of Twelve and Associate Councillors be empowered to negotiate such financial arrangements as are necessary for this project, and that the General Trustees be required to sign such legal documents as the decision of said council may require.

5. That the General Overseer, Managing Editor, and Publishing Interest Committee be authorized to proceed with the building of needed expansion facilities for our Publishing House.

Committee for the construction of a General Administration Office
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Man's Failure

C. G. HUMPHREYS

Text: Psalms 118:22, "*The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.*"

In reading history in regard to the time when the men were building Solomon's temple, we find that they had the building complete with the exception of the corner where the building should be joined together, and after they had made a search of the premises they found that they needed a certain stone, a cornerstone, with which the building could be completed; but the stone could not be found. As they looked over the record of what had been done they found that several years before, when the temple was started some old rubbish had been hauled away, and had been dumped over the mountainside. Then a search was made for the stone needed and it was found where it had been dumped over the mountain several years before. It was covered with moss and weeds, but the workmen proceeded to drag the stone up the mountainside, haul it back, and place it in the temple, and the building was completed.

People have tried to build for nearly six thousand years without God, and have failed in every generation.

Genesis 11:1-9, "And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do; and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech: So the Lord scat-

tered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth; and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth."

Since Adam was driven out from the garden of Eden, the sons of men have tried to build one thing after another, but all have failed. Men separated and apart from God will always be a failure. We are called Christians, and it is that contact with Christ that makes us Christians. You can take the three letters IAN away from Christ and there is only one thing to which it can be applied, and that is I am nothing.

Nebuchadnezzar had a dream. He saw a great image, which he was not able to understand. But Daniel, a man of God, was called in and he made known to the king the interpretation. The king had seen a great me-

tallic man which was composed of the different metals. This image represented the works of man throughout the Gentile age, which began with Nebuchadnezzar and will continue until the close of the Gentile age. The works of man are seen ending in failure.

The great image represented the works of man and was built in the very reverse of stability. We think of the great buildings which have been built by the hands of men. There have been wonderful things accomplished by the children of men. Many things have been done to prolong the human life. Medical skill has done some wonderful things. But when man lost his right to the tree of life in the Garden of Eden, it caused death to come upon the human race, and since that time there has never been a substitute for the tree of life, absolutely nothing to prolong the human life.

This is a time when there are many substitutes, some of which are pretty good; but the Stone which the builders have refused all along down through the ages is the only remedy for the length of life. Jesus Christ arose triumphantly over death, hell, and the grave, and has made it possible for us to again partake of the tree of life and live for ever.

Sin Does Not Pay

PVT. EDGAR ALLEN DIGSBY

My dear sinner friends throughout this universe, I bring you this message which has just been revealed to me by the Holy Spirit. First, I will take the thirteenth chapter of St. Mark, beginning at the fifth verse, through the eighth verse: "And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows."

Who has the worst trouble in the world today? It's that man or that woman who has sin in their heart.

They are the ones who have heart-aches, heart trouble and worries. They are the ones who have separations among their families. Listen, sinner hearts, sin does not pay. Instead of going to your Saturday night dances, your big town theaters, your pool rooms, your whisky parties, drinking your beer, smoking your cigarettes, and running round places you should not go, you should seek the Lord and serve Him. I have known of mothers who would cry and worry because their husbands were spending all their wages on other women. I have known families who would go hungry because of drinking, and many other things. What is it, my friends? Sin does not pay. I am speaking of what sin will do and what it will cause. The Word says the brother shall betray the brother to death and the father (Continued on page 14)

This Poor Man Cried and the Lord Heard Him

OLIVER C. CAGLE

I was afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism. My doctor told me that he had done all within his power for me. He added that his drugs would patch me up for a while, but his experience with so many cases like mine was that only a higher power could effect a remedy.

The man who was treating me was Doctor Parker, of Arkadelphia. He was successful to a marked degree in his medical practice. I had the greatest confidence in his ability. His kind understanding and deep sympathy were comforting to me in my affliction.

Well, I consented to the seeming fact that my time on earth was limited. With my three small children, I went and appealed to the Higher Power, which is God. (Everything seemed to be against me; my wife was ill; my children were young and in need of food and clothing; my doctor had done all within his power for me.)

Taking my Bible, I turned to St. John, chapter 14, verses 13 through 16. The words of the 14th and 15th struck me very deeply, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments." These precious words of Jesus were strengthening. Turning farther on to verse 21, I continued reading, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loved me; and he that loveth me shall be loved by my father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." I also read the account of the healing of the afflicted man by the Master at the pool of Bethesda, as recorded in the 5th chapter of the Gospel of St. John.

In the 5th chapter of the Epistle of St. James, I read the 13th, 14th, and 15th verses, "Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. . . . Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him . . . And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

It was in February, 1909, when I discontinued receiving treatments from Doctor Parker. From that time until June of the same year I gave myself to fasting and prayer. I pondered the words of my doctor, "GOD can give and GOD can take away." I prayed to God to give me health, and give me strength to help my little ones, if it was His will.

With the coming of June of 1909, came greater pain to my diseased body . . . And then one day . . . leaving my children with their work in the fields, I turned and went creeping to the house. As I went, I thought of the words of Christ, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."

About two hundred yards from the house, I turned to my children and told them to do the best they could. A moment later, like a shock of

lightning, after imploring God to grant me the desired health, I was at ease and felt no pain. This was at nine o'clock in the morning. I went into the house and slept throughout the day.

When I awoke in the evening I felt as though I had never been sick at all in my life. As I went to the barn that night I said to God, "I thank You for Your goodness toward me, and for having given to me health."

After a night of restful sleep, I went to work the next morning. While feeding my horse I thought of my promise to God, "If You will spare me and allow me to live to see my children large enough to take care of themselves, I will go tell the world regardless of what man may say or do, that I thank God for His Son, Jesus Christ, and for the power of Christ to forgive sins."

From that day in June, 1909, until 1933 I worked regularly. In November, 1909, I moved to Cullman, Alabama, and was employed by the railroad for a time. I am not in good health and do not take any medicine.

It is my desire that others might read of my experiences and turn to God, and His Son Jesus Christ for encouragement.

Harvest Truly White, Laborers Few

MARY E. WILBOURN

TOCCOA, Ga.—Greetings to our many friends throughout the States. Great victory has been ours throughout this Assembly year, for God has done great things for us whereof we are glad. The great success that we have had has been through the many prayers of our praying friends throughout the States.

Along with our pastoral work, we have traveled many thousands of miles to herald to those that were and are lost the gospel message of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If ministers could feel the responsibility and catch the vision of carrying the message while we have an opportunity! Great success has been ours; hundreds of souls have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost in our revivals this year. The greatest moments of my life are when I see precious souls who are lost at an old-time altar praying through to the

blessings of God that He has for every one.

In our revival at Demorest, Ga., which ran for four weeks, a large number were saved and around twenty received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. A few weeks ago, after we have been pastoring the church here for the past three years, we launched a revival campaign in our local church here with the writer doing the preaching, assisted with special music and singing by Rev. Harrell Kirkland and Brother Julian Manning. Great victory was ours. It was the greatest revival that the church has had here since it was established. Forty-five were saved, a great number sanctified, and eighteen filled with the Holy Ghost. Large crowds filled the house each evening. The meeting was enjoyed by all. Our special mission offering was \$25.55.

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M. P. CROSS, Executive Mission Secretary,

International Christian Brotherhood

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL NATIONS

FROM HAWAII

Oahu Island, T. H.

Dear Brother Cross:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I am just another one of the boys over here in the Pacific trying to do my little bit to end this war so that we can all have a home free from fear and join our loved ones who are so dear to our hearts.

I do not know whether you remember me, but I am Raymond Varnell, the boy who talked with you at the North Chattanooga preachers' fellowship conference about the Church of God here in Hawaii. Well, Brother Cross, I am back here again. I thought I would write you to tell you that we all really appreciate and love the missionaries you sent over here. Brother and Sister Hawkins have won a place in our hearts. They are truly two humble servants of the most high God. I am sure you have received all the good reports about the church and the way God has wonderfully blessed Brother Hawkins' ministry. Just a week ago Sunday a precious sailor boy was saved on the street in Honolulu during our regular Sunday street meeting. How my heart rejoices to see these natives and Service men come to the Lord. God also saved one man who was a champion pool shooter, and sanctified and filled him with the Holy Ghost, too. Glory to God!

I get to be in service every Sunday. I wanted to tell you that we boys over here in Hawaii are really happy to have the Church of God to go to. I am a member at the East Chattanooga Church of God. Continue to pray for us and that God will undertake and soon end this awful war. I feel that it will soon be over. So I shall close now. My prayers are with you. May God bless you in the great task you are doing for our Lord.—Yours for the Master, Pfc. Raymond J. Varnell.

Bible School in Bahamas

Dear Evangel Readers:

It is with a source of deep joy that we now greet you in the name of Jesus, our Lord. First, we are thankful to

God, our Father, for His great hand of providence and we are also thankful to our Mission Board and to others for making it possible that we could enjoy a short term of Bible studies under the supervision of Rev. J. L. Goins.

Our Bible School started on Wednesday, June 6, and closed June 13. During the first week, we had lessons during the day and in the next week we had lessons both day and night. On account of the short term of school, our teacher thought it best to give us some special fundamental teachings which the ministry here could put into practice immediately in their various church services and re-

lesson and our teacher gave the inquirers some very lasting impressions on this needed subject; No. 9, The scriptural teaching on the Five Judgments. Our student class averaged about twenty-four students during the day and about sixty or more at night. We had a few ministers from the out-islands and at the last session our teacher gave an opportunity for the students to express themselves concerning what the school had meant to them, and it was delightful to hear those students express their appreciation for the blessings that they had received in such a short time.

We are looking forward to another term of school in the near future, and we pray and hope that dear Brother Goins will have the opportunity of being our teacher at that time, if the Lord tarries. Please pray earnestly for us over in this portion of the vineyard, for laborers are greatly needed. The harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few.—Yours in the Master's service, Rev. William R. Franks.

ASSEMBLY REPORTS

We have just returned from the Assembly of bishops which took the place of our regular General Assembly. All the reports from this Assembly are not ready for this issue of the Evangel, but they show a great improvement over last year.

The foreign mission work has had the best year in the history of the Church. Several new missionaries are going out, and since this terrible global war has come to an end, we are expecting this year to far exceed last year. We shall try to get further reports in the next issue of the Evangel.

vival meetings. These lessons were all given by blackboard illustrations which made them very simple and easy to understand. The lesson subjects were as follows: No. 1, The Purpose of the Death of Christ; No. 2, Salvation; No. 3, The Gifts of the Spirit and the Fruit of the Spirit; No. 4, The Church. Why the Church and What It Is; No. 5, The Second Coming of Christ. This subject was given in two phases; that is, (a) His First Advent and (b) His Revelation; No. 6, Grace; No. 7, Resurrection; No. 8, The Unpardonable Sin. (This was a very important

E. Louisville, Ky., Graciously Blessed

The Lord has been gracious with His blessings in the East Louisville Church of God during the past year. A goodly number have come to know the Lord. Many have received deeper experiences and some have been added to the church.

The Lord has also been blessing financially. Our church finances have doubled.

Our efforts have been toward the salvation of souls and building a finer place to worship. We have recently started a new church building, which promises, the Lord willing, to be one of the finest in the State.

We desire your prayers that the Lord's work may grow and prosper in East Louisville.—Austin Clark, church reporter.

No crown has ever received so much publicity as the crown of thorns, yet no one would want to wear it.

TESTIMONIES

Very Happy in Him

Dear Reader, I am very happy right now and I want to sound a little note of praise. I never get to go to church but I do love the Church of God and by His help I mean to be true to Him for He is going to call for me soon or later, and I want to be ready to go to that beautiful place where I can rest forever and ever, and have no sorrows and pains. Pray for me.—Ethel Mann, Slaton, Tex.

The Lord Healed Me

PALATKA, Fla.—I praise the Lord for what He means to me. I praise Him for His healing power. The doctor told me I had an ulcerated stomach and the Lord healed me. Praise His name.—Katie Lou Frey, Box 294.

Surely Anyone Should Serve the Lord

CAIRO, Ga.—Dear friends, greetings in Jesus' name. Oh, how wonderful is Christ our King, the One who came to this lowland of sin and sorrow that we might be saved. He was spit upon, cursed, beaten, and crucified but He lives today, thank God. Isaiah 53:5 tells us that He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with his stripes we are healed. Oh, thank God for a friend like that. Surely anyone should serve God. I am only seventeen years of age but I can thank God that I have the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. It is wonderful to serve God. I also want to thank God for sending Brother and Sister J. B. Weeks our way. They are really children of God and have worked untiringly. I am glad that I learned to love Brother Weeks. He is not ashamed to preach the Word of God. The Lord has really blessed us at Cairo. Souls have been saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Thank God. Please pray for me and my family and two brothers that are across the waters in the Army and Navy. Only one is saved. May God bless all.—Mark Miller, P. O. Box 392.

Healed of Diabetes

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Praise the Lord for healing me of sugar diabetes. I

feel better than I have for five years. I was getting so bad I could hardly stand in the pulpit and preach. Thank you for praying for me.—James Wade, 4415 Norfolk Ave.

Daughter Healed

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: I am still fine, am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. My daughter about whom I wrote for prayer is O. K. She is up and doing all her work. Praise the Lord for it. I thank each and every one from whom I received letters, cards, and tracts, and I have a heart full of praises to the dear Lord.

I am weak in body and the enemy is trying to get me in every way he can, so please pray for me, that my weakness will be overcome by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and through the mighty power of the Holy Ghost. Remember me in your prayers.—Luellar Wright, Nauvoo, Ala.

Jesus Christ the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever

I want to praise our wonderful Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, Baptizer with the Holy Ghost, Priest, and soon coming King, for His mighty goodness and wonderful mercy. All praise and glory to His matchless name for the great sacrifice He made in His death on the cross that I might be indeed a new creature in Christ Jesus, both body and soul.

I praise Him especially today for His miraculous healing power. For about three years I suffered with my heart and nerves, and while the good saints were praying for me I would only for a little while be better. My condition grew steadily worse until last February, while attending a funeral, I collapsed. The following day I had two more very severe heart attacks, lying as one dead for several hours.

After much persuasion I went to a heart specialist, which was my first time to have a doctor since Jesus saved me twenty years ago, but my whole trust was and still is in the Lord with whom nothing is too hard or impossible. The doctor diagnosed my case, finding a very rare blood condition which was causing my heart and nerve trouble and excess vomiting, declaring medical science had never been able to find a cause,

neither a cure or treatment for it. He gave me less than a year to live, and then only if I would lie very quietly in bed, not arising to wait on myself in the least. I grew steadily worse, taking my bed, not able to get up or leave it. One day after praying through and knowing mine was not a sickness unto death and it was not God's will for me to give up in despair, God revealed many things to me, one of which was a multitude of souls that I must yet guide into the kingdom.

I was determined then to defeat death. Defying the devil, I turned over in my bed, picked up my telephone and called by long distance, saints in three different cities whom I knew would really pray, asking them to get hold of God believing Him to give me sufficient strength to go to Beckley, W. Va., to our state convention, where I called for the elders of the Church and they anointed me with oil and the prayer of faith was prayed. When THE PRAYER OF FAITH is prayed results are always manifested, as was in my case. I was instantly healed. ALL PRAISE AND GLORY TO HIS NAME!

I came back home, went to the doctor, took tests and examinations, and there was no trace of the old condition to be found, very much to the doctor's astonishment. I have had several examinations since and am still perfectly healed. I have entirely forgotten that I have a heart or nerves any more, as far as their giving me any trouble. The doctor realizes that God did the work. He knows it was not anything that he did, for I did not take one dose of medicine.

My healing took place last July and continues unto this present hour. Truly JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME, YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER! Let us follow Him more closely, more constantly abiding in the True Vine, proclaiming Him to be all-sufficient for body, soul, spirit, and mind to ALL who believe and will put their trust in Him.

Let us also remember that when Jesus healed the ten lepers, only ONE returned to praise Him, and He asked, "Where are the nine?"

All who read this and are suffering in body, look up with new courage and increased faith, pressing your claim to the throne. God is still there, and will answer for you just as He did for me, and is doing for others every day.

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WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, CHURCH



The above church was erected by Rev. Dewey Herndon and congregation of the West Monroe, Louisiana, Church of God. This is the first brick church to ever be erected in Louisiana by the Church of God, and it is valued at \$12,000. It is 62x36 feet, built with 13-inch solid brick walls, celotex ceiling, hardwood floors, and lifetime asbestos shingle roof; also has a pastor's study and men's and ladies' rest rooms. The L.W.W.B. alone raised \$1,000.—C. M. Jenkerson, overseer of Louisiana.



Rev. Dewey Herndon

**Jesus Christ the Same Yesterday,
Today, and Forever**
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I covet an interest in the earnest

prayers of all God's righteous children.—Yours in the King's glad service, Evangelist Eula Utman, 118 Marrtown, Road, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Successful Daily Vacation Bible

La FOLLETTE, Tenn.—We have just closed a three weeks' daily vacation Bible school in the Church of God at LaFollette, Tenn., with great success. In spite of rainy weather, the average attendance ran around fifty for the three weeks.

We were made to realize the words in the Bible, "A child shall lead them," as one mother, with tears in her eyes, talked to a teacher about her little girl who wanted to live for Jesus and refused to go to the show; while another mother was made to realize her failure in giving thanks to

God for food and raiment.

All the parents were pleased with the splendid progress the children made, and enjoyed the commencement exercises very much.

I thank the Lord for the good consecrated teachers we had; it was their faithful work that helped the school to be the success it was.

Please pray for our church and young people here.—Sophia Broyles.

OBITUARIES

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be with Jesus June 28, 1945; age forty years. We greatly miss her in the church.

Remember her bereaved family in prayer.—Mrs. G. B. Tucker, clerk, Box 284, Lumberport, W. Va.

Reports from the Field

Dallas, Texas, District Convention Report

The Dallas, Tex., district convention, which convened March 14-16, is still a precious memory because of the divine presence felt in our hearts and the spiritual food received for our souls.

After a devotional service and remarks by our district pastor, Brother J. C. Thompson, the convention was opened by Brother V. B. Rains, state overseer, followed by special songs and testimonies from the visiting ministers. On the very first night the message by Brother G. E. Weatherby just gave us a sharpened appetite to enjoy better the remaining part of the convention.

On Thursday morning we enjoyed some good sermons from ministers on the district, and the afternoon we received some timely instructions from Brother A. V. Beaube, our Assistant General Overseer. We were happy to have Brother Beaube with us through the convention. Then the good report given by Brother Rains on the work in the State encouraged us to put forth even greater efforts than what we were. Thursday evening we enjoyed two very good messages from Brother E. J. Gibson and Brother I. H. Marks. These were both timely and inspirational messages.

Friday morning we were blessed with a shower of the presence and glory of the Lord as we enjoyed the songs by Brother Jones and Brother Burke. Following this were two other good messages by Brother J. A. Moody and Brother L. A. Baker of Paris. Friday afternoon was given to prayer and consecration service.

On the last night of this convention, Brother Rains delivered a wonderful message and the mission offering was then taken, which amounted to \$1,013. We were very thankful to the Lord for this good offering.—Mary Burnett, convention reporter.

Oregon State Convention

The Oregon state camp meeting is now history but the memory of it is still vivid in our minds. From the beginning to the end the Spirit of God prevailed in saving, healing, and baptizing power. We praise God for the victory, and as the services continue

we are expecting great things from God. The inspiring messages thrilled our souls and up to this time four hungry seekers were filled with the Holy Ghost, ten members have come into the church and several have been saved. Delegates from California and Washington were present. The good people of Portland entertained the visiting ministers and friends in their homes, thus furnishing them with free entertainment. We feel confident that this was the best camp meeting Oregon has known for the Church of God.

Brother and Sister Rolan Dunn were with us and remained the next week to help in the revival. Their ministry in song and preaching of the Word was a great blessing to all and the people of Portland welcome them back.—Georgeina Maginel, secretary, camp meeting.

District Y.P.E. and Sunday School Convention Held

Memories of the Stonefield, Miss., district Y.P.E. and Sunday School convention will linger for a long time with the people who attend, as a blessed event in the Church of God.

The convention opened March 31 at the Goodwill church with Rev. E. L. Newton, district pastor, in charge. The speakers of the convention were Rev. S. B. Webb, host pastor; Mrs. Daisy Richardson, local evangelist; Mrs. Travis Wright; Mrs. E. L. Newton; Brother Travis Wright, deacon; Mrs. Louise Holloway; Rev. James D. Hodges, Rev. T. W. Day, state superintendent, and Sister Maude Ellen Hight.

On Sunday morning there was a downpour of rain but the people came in from all over the district and surely the Lord was in the midst by the shouts and praises that could be heard. Reports were given by each Sunday School superintendent. The total orphanage offering was \$315.02, which was the largest offering thus far given this year in the district conventions. A nice banner was given by the pastors on the district to the church bringing the largest offering to the convention. The Goodwill church was awarded the banner, their offering amounting to \$80; Gatewood came second with an offering of \$50.25. Gatewood church surely worked hard, for they have only ten members.

The afternoon was devoted to special singing and testimony. Special singers were Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Newton, Rev. T. W. Day, Mrs. Louise Holloway, and Brother Willie Tullios.

The convention closed with the congregation singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."—James D. Hodges, reporter.

Big Spring, Texas, District Y.P.E. and S. S. Convention

Our district convention convened at the Lamesa church May 23-25. The orphanage offering was \$440.11.

Those speaking during the convention were Rev. E. L. Mitchell, our district Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, Rev. L. R. Winegar, Rev. T. C. Toles, Rev. R. L. Wagoner, state Y.P.E. superintendent, Rev. O. M. Hume, and Rev. O. L. Gates.

We had some fine singing and music during the convention. Our souls were surely fed on the good things of God.

I think I can speak for each Y.P.E. on the district and say we certainly love our state superintendent and wife. Then last but not least, we enjoyed a fine dinner on the ground.

Pray for the Big Spring, Tex., district.—Mrs. E. L. Mitchell, clerk, Box 41, Lamesa, Tex.

Nebraska State Convention a Great Success

The Nebraska state convention convened at Omaha, August 3-5, and was beyond question an overwhelming success. This great convention will constitute a milestone in the history of the Church of God in Nebraska. The Omaha church, under the very able leadership of their pastor, Reuben H. Martin, was a most congenial host to the guests of the convention. A word of compliment must also be given those ladies who labored so unselfishly at the work of preparing and serving guests of the convention with food which was up to the usual standard of perfection of the women of Nebraska.

Rev. H. L. Chesser, Assistant General Overseer of the Northwestern District, was guest speaker. Rev. Chesser's messages were both timely and enlightening. A better understanding of the workings of the church was had by everyone present as a result of Rev. Chesser's edifying messages. Sister Chesser also encouraged the work of the L.W.W.B. by pointing out their place and purpose in the program of the Church.

There were also present Rev. Wilma Henry, overseer of Iowa, and many of

his fellow ministers. Rev. Henry delivered a soul-stirring message during the course of the convention which, without doubt, contributed much to the convention's success.

A graphic picture of the progress of the Church in Nebraska was presented by Rev. W. E. Dowdy, overseer of Nebraska. We thank God for men like Rev. Dowdy whose wise leadership and untiring efforts have inspired those under him to move forward in this great state.

Inspirational messages on the need of missions was enjoyed by everyone and our mission offering more than doubled what it was last year. Rev. Thomas, one of our Jamaican brethren, was present at this convention and was accompanied by several of his Jamaican co-workers. A heavenly atmosphere prevailed throughout the convention and the blessings of the Holy Ghost fell in great showers. Grateful appreciation is acknowledged to every minister and layman who attended this convention and contributed so much to its success.—J. R. Freeman.

Independence, Kan., District Convention

We are glad to report for this wonderful and highly successful convention which was held at the Coffeyville church. From the very beginning of this convention Friday night, April 27, God was there in a mighty way. Everyone seemed to be on fire for God. Such love and fellowship was never surpassed.

It was officially opened by our esteemed state overseer, Rev. A. R. Pedigo, followed by a special blessing from heaven, closing with an evangelistic sermon by Rev. W. L. Sweet. The Lord blessed in the altar service, saving, sanctifying, and filling one with the precious Holy Ghost.

Saturday morning Sister Pedigo spoke to the Willing Workers, being followed by Brother Pedigo with a message to the ministers. The afternoon was given to the reporting of the pastors, all reporting great advancement for God and His Church. Rev. W. C. Howard and Rev. L. J. Potts gave fine sermonettes and Rev. Isaac Sumpter, of Chopeta, brought the message. Saturday night the services were sponsored by the Young People's Endeavor. After the devotions and a good praise service, Brother Pedigo brought a wonderful message on missions, after which an offering of \$254

was received for same.

Sunday morning Rev. R. A. Norman spoke. The closing message was delivered by Rev. A. Hinman. After the closing remarks by the state overseer, all with a jubilant spirit returned to their respective field of labor, praising God for the great things He has brought to pass.—R. A. Norman, district pastor; T. A. Perkins, host pastor and reporter.

Lubbock, Tex., District Convention

The Lubbock, Texas, district convention convened at Lubbock June 15-17, with Rev. C. H. Gardner, district overseer, and Rev. V. B. Rains, state overseer, in charge. We enjoyed the blessings of the Lord and the fellowship of the saints throughout the convention.

We were privileged to have several visiting ministers present and enjoyed their messages: Brother Statum, of Borger, Brother Jack Gilbert, of Big Spring, and Brother Portugal and family of Mexico. We were also glad to have Sister Rains and children with us.

On Sunday morning after Brother Portugal told of the work in Mexico and Brother Rains spoke of the work of our missionaries in other countries, an offering for missions was taken, which was the largest ever given on this district. The convention closed at noon with lunch spread by the sisters of the church and all returned to their field of labor with the determination to work harder.—Mamie Fields, Rt. 6, Lubbock, Texas.

Lansing, Mich., District Growing

I am glad to report the good work that has been accomplished on the Lansing district the past three years.

When I came here in 1942 the entire district was in a financial strain, but the people had a mind to work, and began to co-operate with me, and we have had wonderful results throughout the district.

Grand Ledge started from the bottom, and in three years' time they have purchased a nicely-constructed brick building, with parsonage, well furnished, tithes have increased from \$16 per month to \$200 per month, the attendance has more than doubled each year, and there have been over one hundred experiences in this church in the three years' time. All indebtedness has been paid off.

Sebewa, the first church built in

Michigan for the Church of God, I am told, had been disbanded for about eight years, but we have revived the church, and it has taken on new life, made all improvements, paid all indebtedness, and the tithes have increased since, with a good attendance in the past three months.

Lake Odessa has been reorganized and they have a mind also to build a new church. They have started a building fund and expect to start soon with the building program.

Battle Creek has been revived, and they are taking on new life, with a mind to work and go forward till the victory is won.

The Lansing district is worth, in property, approximately \$7,000 more than it was three years ago, and now Grand Ledge is planning to build a larger church in order to have room for the people that are taking an interest in the work there. We have sold about sixty-five subscriptions to the Evangel, and are still selling them, besides the Lighted Pathways that our young people are selling. Brother Paulk said, "Give us room and watch us grow." *That's our motto.*—W. T. Truett, district overseer.

Marked Tree, Ark., District Convention

The district convention of the churches on the Marked Tree, Ark., district was held March 30-April 1. God met with us and blessed in a wonderful way. Many souls were inspired as a result of the good services throughout the convention. An offering was taken for the orphanage work, which amounted to \$51. Also, following a good sermon on missions, by Rev. M. B. Norris, our district overseer, the people responded greatly in giving to missions an offering of \$212.

God is richly blessing the work in Arkansas this year, for this we are thankful. We covet your prayers that God's approval will continue on our efforts for Him.—Joel Dine Ball, convention clerk.

LaFollette, Tenn., District Convention

There was a district meeting of the LaFollette, Tenn., district at Stanfield Church of God February 10, 1945. Visiting preachers were our district pastor, Rev. Howard McGee, Rev. Charlie Lyons, Rev. W. A. McCullah, and Rev. Nelson Russell, who delivered the evening message, which

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the cool of the morning on their porches, it is hard enough to get sinners interested in Jesus and His great love, without that kind of sermons being preached to the members of the church inside.

My Father in heaven, if God is love, why not cry His great love from the housetop, and not personal feelings of imaginary hurts, from which the whole world is suffering. I did thank God that the little mother across the street did not go that Sunday, because of some chronic conditions (or was it the great love of our dear Savior) keeping her from getting the full impact of that sermon. She surely would have missed the beautiful things I was telling her about. O Father, forgive us of our love for ourselves and help us to understand when we say, "But God is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us." Yes, Jesus still forgives and helps us to know and keep this in mind, when we hear people with personal grievances.

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The church has been ceiled inside, new windows put in and asbestos shingles put on the outside of the building. The public school in our community gave money to paint the church inside. The Lord is wonderfully blessing us.—Mrs. Mary E. Wilbourn, clerk.

Harvest Truly White, Laborers Few

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lasted three weeks. This is only a small account of the great revivals we have had this year.

We ask our friends to continue to pray for us as we go forth to win others to Christ. Let us arouse ourselves and do our best while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

I am now in need of a co-worker to help me in my work. I can use a young man who can direct singing, or if you are just a young minister and would like to get out in the work of Christ, let me hear from you at once. I can use you now. Please answer the call, for the field is white unto harvest and the laborers are few.—Rev. J. W. Hannah, Toccoa, Ga.

SIN DOES NOT PAY

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the son and children shall rise up against their parents and shall cause them to be put to death. What is it that causes all of this? Remember, it is sin, and sin does not pay.

Let us see what Rom. 1:18 says, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness." Let us see what the unrighteous is. In the same chapter, verses twenty-nine through thirty-two, we read, "Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

Remember, dear sinner, this message is to you. There is a certain kind of law in the world which claims that *crime* does not pay, which is very true, but I am telling you that *sin* does not pay.

REQUESTS

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My body, I have rheumatism so bad I can hardly walk.—Mrs. Golda Faught, Equality, Ky.

My healing, I am in a serious condition with liver trouble; my husband's throat; my daughter who has a bad liver.—Sister Dorothy Heath, Gen. Del., Talladega, Ala.

The healing of Mrs. Eva McMillan, Rt. 4, Tifton, Ga., of heart trouble, she swells very badly. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Earl Rackley, Tifton, Ga.

My little son's eyes which are very weak; my niece who has been in poor health since she was small.—Ora Billings, Rt. 5, Sparta, Tenn.

My mother and mother-in-law; a dear sister's body to be healed; the healing of my body.—A sister in Christ, 3225 Virginia St., Miami 33, Fla.

My healing, I have hay fever, back trouble, and bad ankles. Anointed

handkerchief appreciated. — Harold Lentner, Rt. 2, c/o Page Heston's Store, Morgantown, W. Va.

The healing of my baby who has stomach trouble; the healing of my body, I have sinus trouble and a bad liver trouble; my husband.—Mrs. Mae Chandler, Donalsonville, Ga.

The Bishops' Council and Assembly

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ment or accomplishments without dependency on and help from God. Therefore, we solicit your prayers in these undertakings, that we may not be hindered by human limitations. God, who is all-powerful, is able to do *abundantly and exceedingly* for us all things that we need and ask of Him. Our responsibilities here at Headquarters are increased in every way; therefore, we stand constantly in need of your prayers, that God will not only supply us with needed things, materials, etc., but with the needed grace and strength to bear up under every burden, that all may be done suitably as to quality and faithfully in spirit of service.

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Building: E. C. Clark, H. L. Chesser, James L. Slay, E. J. Boehmer, U. D. Tidwell.

That the last paragraph on page 168 be amended so as to include the Canadian Bible School.

That the last paragraph, page 174, 1944 Minutes, be amended to read: "Presided over by the state overseer or one whom he may appoint."

That the ruling on page 144, concerning members going to war in combatant service, be struck out and the following inserted:

"The Church of God believes that nations can and should settle their differences without going to war; however, in the event of war, if a member engages in combatant service, it will not affect his status with the Church. In case a member is called into military service, who has conscientious objections to combatant service, the Church will support him in his constitutional rights."

That the Colored People be granted the privilege of opening a school in

the North.

That the General Overseer be authorized to call a General Assembly of Ministers provided that travel and other conditions become such that the general officials and the Council of Twelve deem it wise to do so.

That a committee composed of the General Overseer, Assistant General Overseer, and Editor-in-Chief of the Sunday School and Youth Literature assist the General Secretary in revising the Minutes to conform to the rulings of the Assembly.

That the reference in our Minutes on page 158, directing state overseers to bring their state convention mission offerings to the General Assembly, be struck from the Minutes. (NOTE: This motion was passed so that the state overseers may send their state convention mission offerings to Headquarters immediately after their state conventions convene.)

That the chairman of each board is recognized as the proper authority to call all board meetings.

That in the event the chairman should fail to do so, when necessity demands that any two members of the board have the authority to call such meeting.

That the General Overseer, by virtue of his office, have the right to ask any board to meet should he deem it necessary.

That the department heads, such as Publishing House, Bible Training School and College, Executive Mission Secretary, and Orphanage Superintendent, have the right to ask for a meeting of respective boards.

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ary; S. A. Robertson, missionary.

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Philippine Islands—Frank Parada, missionary.

Panama—H. S. Syverson, overseer; Bolivar DeSouza, assistant overseer.

Puerto Rico—C. E. French, overseer.

In the next issue of the Evangel there will be other reports from the General Assembly.

Rumania—Paul Budean, missionary.

Good Revival

MONROE, Mich.—A good revival campaign was conducted at the church here by our pastor's wife, Sister Dorothy Conrad, and Brother Clarence Woolum, in which nine were saved, six sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church, three by transfer. Pray for Monroe church.—Mrs. Edward Lickfeldt.

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